

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Harry Teague was honored by the National Federation for Independent Business (NFIB) for his commitment to helping small businesses succeed in today’s economic climate. Teague was presented with the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award by NFIB President Dan Danner in recognition of his voting record in support of small businesses nationwide.

“As a small business owner for over 30 years, I believe it is absolutely crucial that Congress do as much as possible to help our nation’s small businesses thrive. That's why I am committed to helping them find the resources they need to succeed in this economic climate,” said Harry Teague. “I am honored that this organization, which works on behalf of the many hardworking small business owners of our country, has chosen to acknowledge my efforts to give our small businesses the resources that they need.”

The National Federation for Independent Business is the leading small business association representing small and independent businesses. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its members in Washington and all 50 state capitals and aims to promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. The Guardian of Small Business Award is presented by the group to elected officials in appreciation of their work to promote the efforts of entrepreneurs to own and operate their own business.

A small business man himself, Congressman Teague has continually focused on job creation in southern New Mexico and understands that job growth and small business are critically important for a healthy economy. He hosted a Small Business Resources Fair series to connect small business owners with federal and local government agencies and lender groups , as well as a Job Resources Fair tour across the district that connected hundreds of job

seekers with over 150 public and private organizations looking for employees. Building on the unprecedented investments of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, he also helped pass the

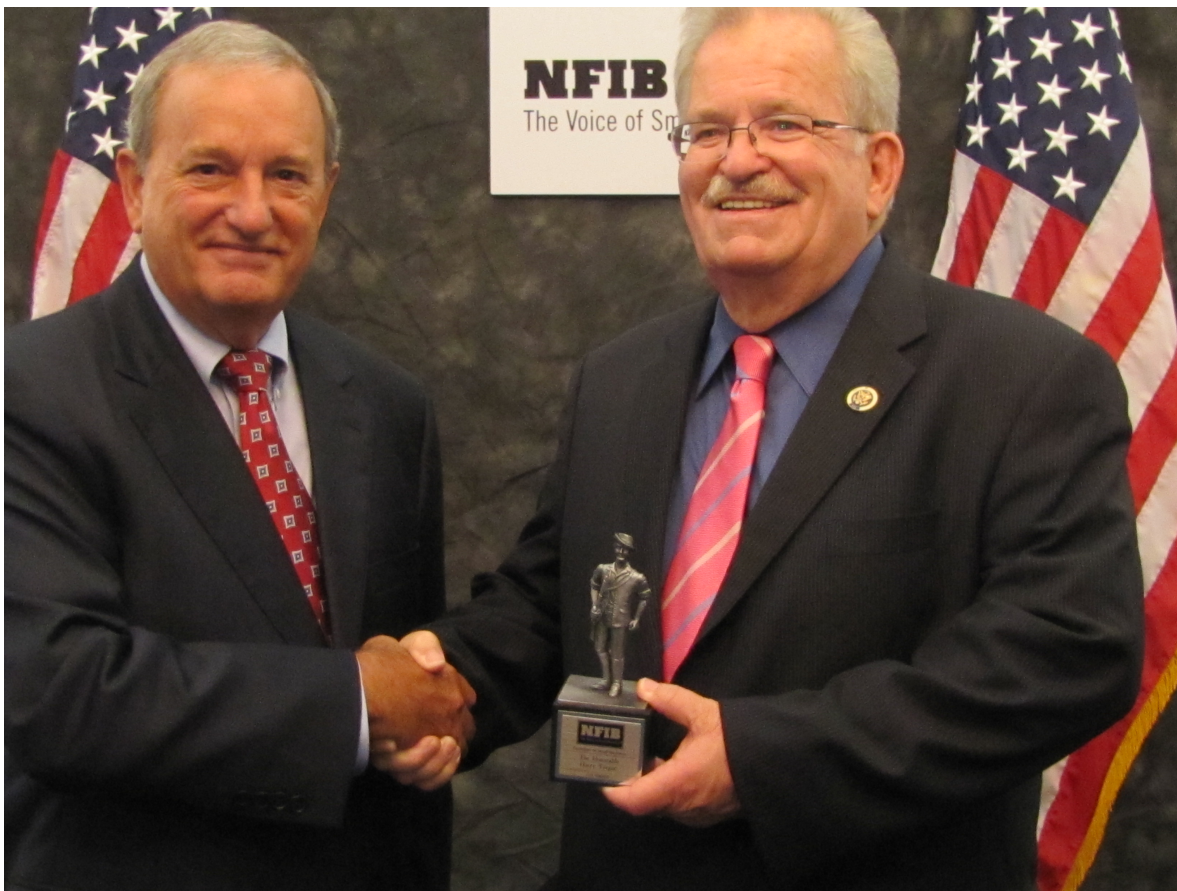
*Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Act*

and the

*Small Business Jobs Act,*

*designed to help*

spur new investments in small businesses and provide the capital needed to grow and hire more workers.



*Dan Danner, President of the National Federation for Independent Business, presents Harry Teague*

*with the “Guardian of Small Business” Awards*

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